

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the following paragraphs as follows:

In paragraph [0017]:

A feature of the present invention is the use of a particular cleaning fluid that is an environmentally sound improvement over common cleaning products, such as chlorinated solvents. The use of n-propyl bromide is an advantageous alternative for chlorinated solvents, such as perchloroethylene. This compound is extremely effective at separating oils and greases from oil-absorbing materials, such as polypropylene. Furthermore, n-propyl bromide leaves these materials with a fresher scent and a softer feel than the chlorinated solvents. Whereas perchloroethylene may be most effective at removing the types of oils found on the human body, n-propyl bromide appears to be more effective at removing the types of oils found in industrial processes. More importantly, ~~n-propyl~~ n-propyl bromide is not considered by federal and state agencies to be a hazardous substance. Accordingly, users of this compound do not require all of the permits typically mandated by local, state, and federal agencies. This result greatly reduces compliance costs. Although n-propyl bromide is on the whole more costly than chlorinated solvents, these additional costs are more than recouped by the decrease in energy costs required to incorporate n-propyl bromide into the cleaning component of the present process. For example, forty percent less energy is used when n-propyl bromide is the cleaning fluid as when perchloroethylene is used. Moreover, the properties of n-propyl bromide are such that a shorter drying time is required for fabrics. Accordingly, throughput of the fabrics is dramatically increased.

In paragraph [0038]:

As discussed, the use of n-propyl bromide is a particular feature of the present invention. This cleaning fluid is an environmentally sound and advantageous alternative to commonly used chlorinated solvents, such as perchloroethylene. N-propyl bromide is extremely effective at separating oils and greases from oil-absorbing materials, such as polypropylene. Furthermore, n-propyl bromide leaves these materials with a fresher scent and softer feel than the chlorinated solvents. Whereas perchloroethylene may be most effective at removing the types of oils found on the human body, n-propyl bromide appears to be more

effective at removing the types of oils found in industrial processes. More importantly, ~~n-propyl~~ n-propyl bromide is not considered by federal and state agencies to be a hazardous substance. Accordingly, users of this compound do not need permits from federal and state agencies. This result greatly reduces compliance costs and permitting fees.